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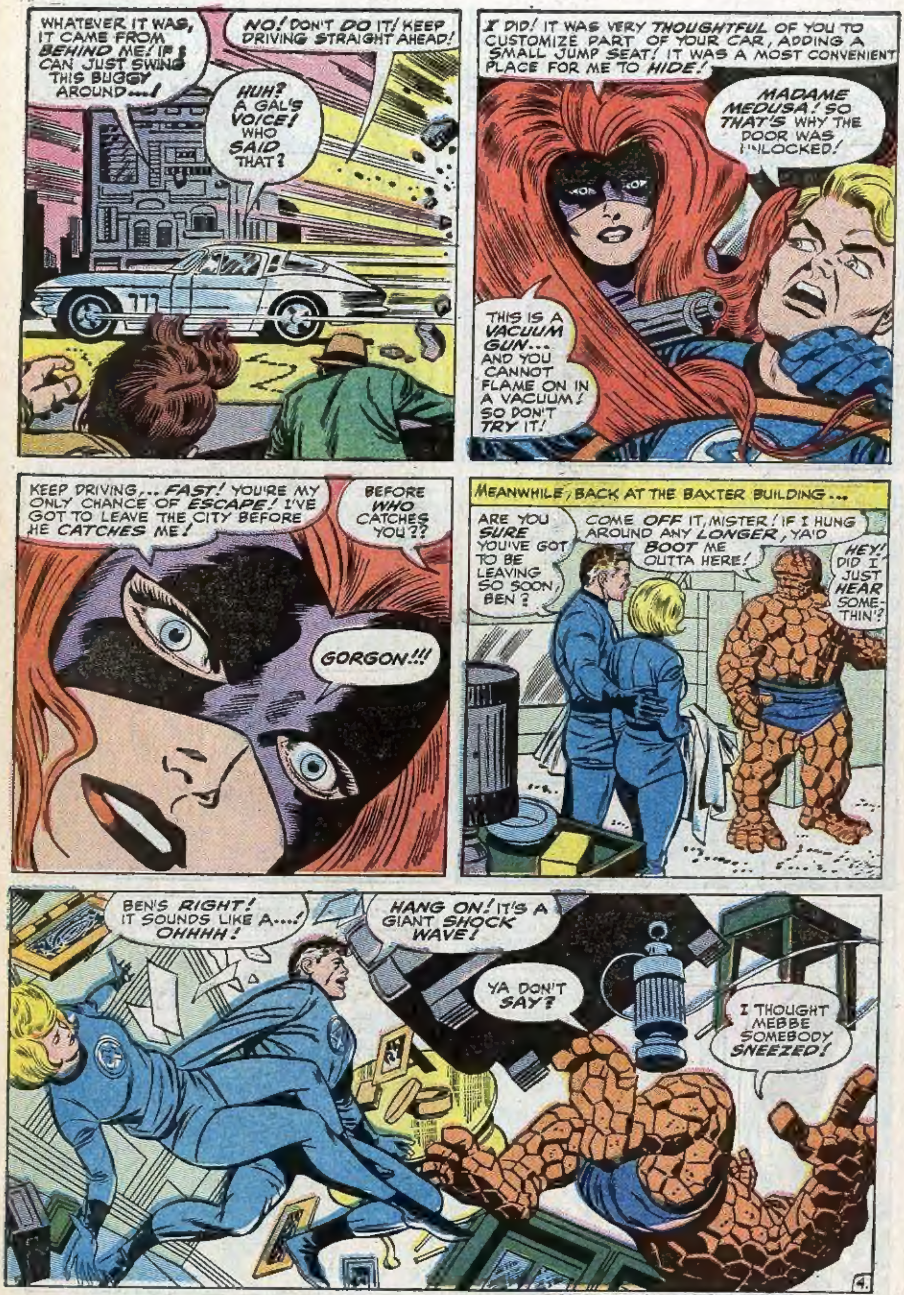

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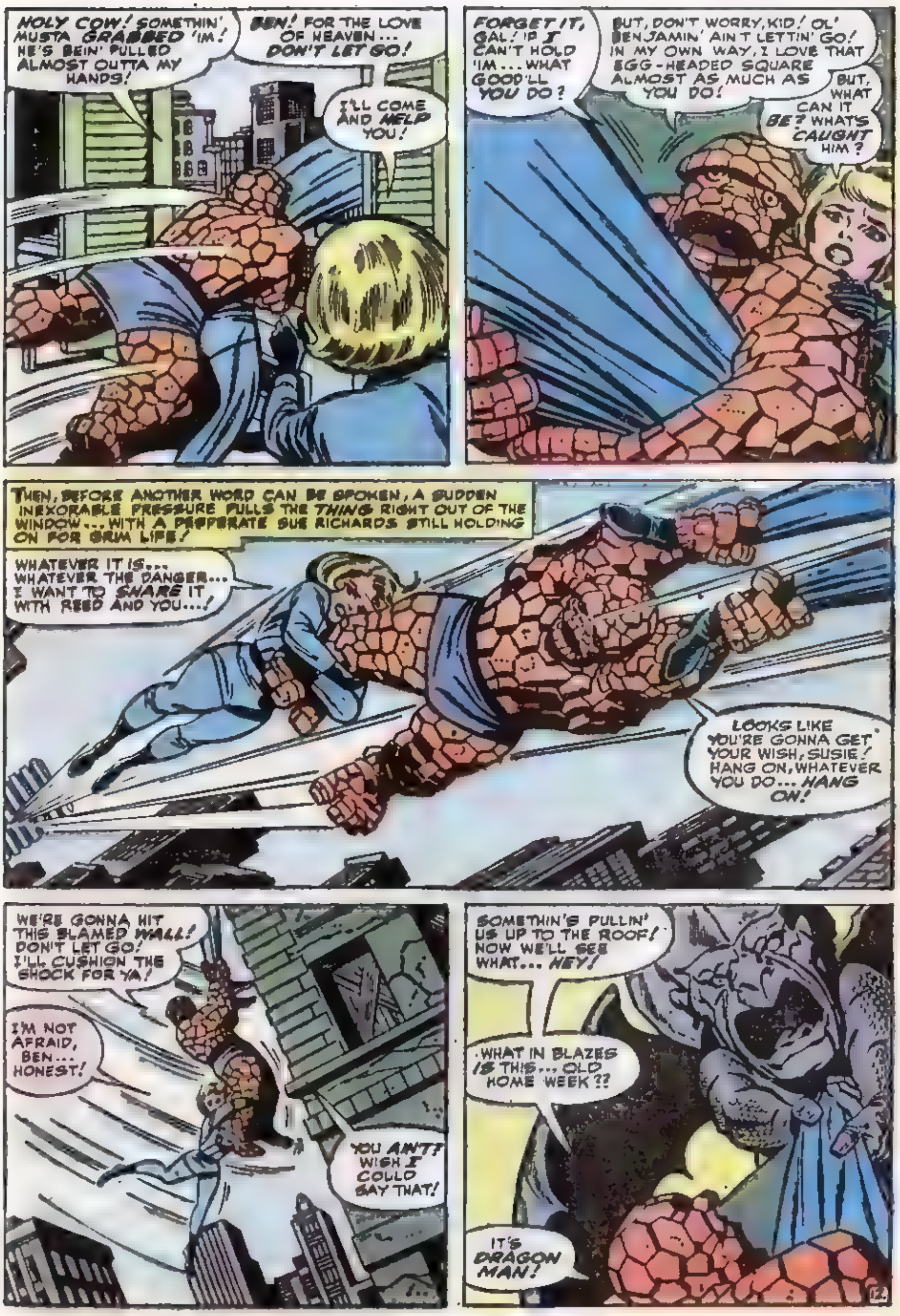

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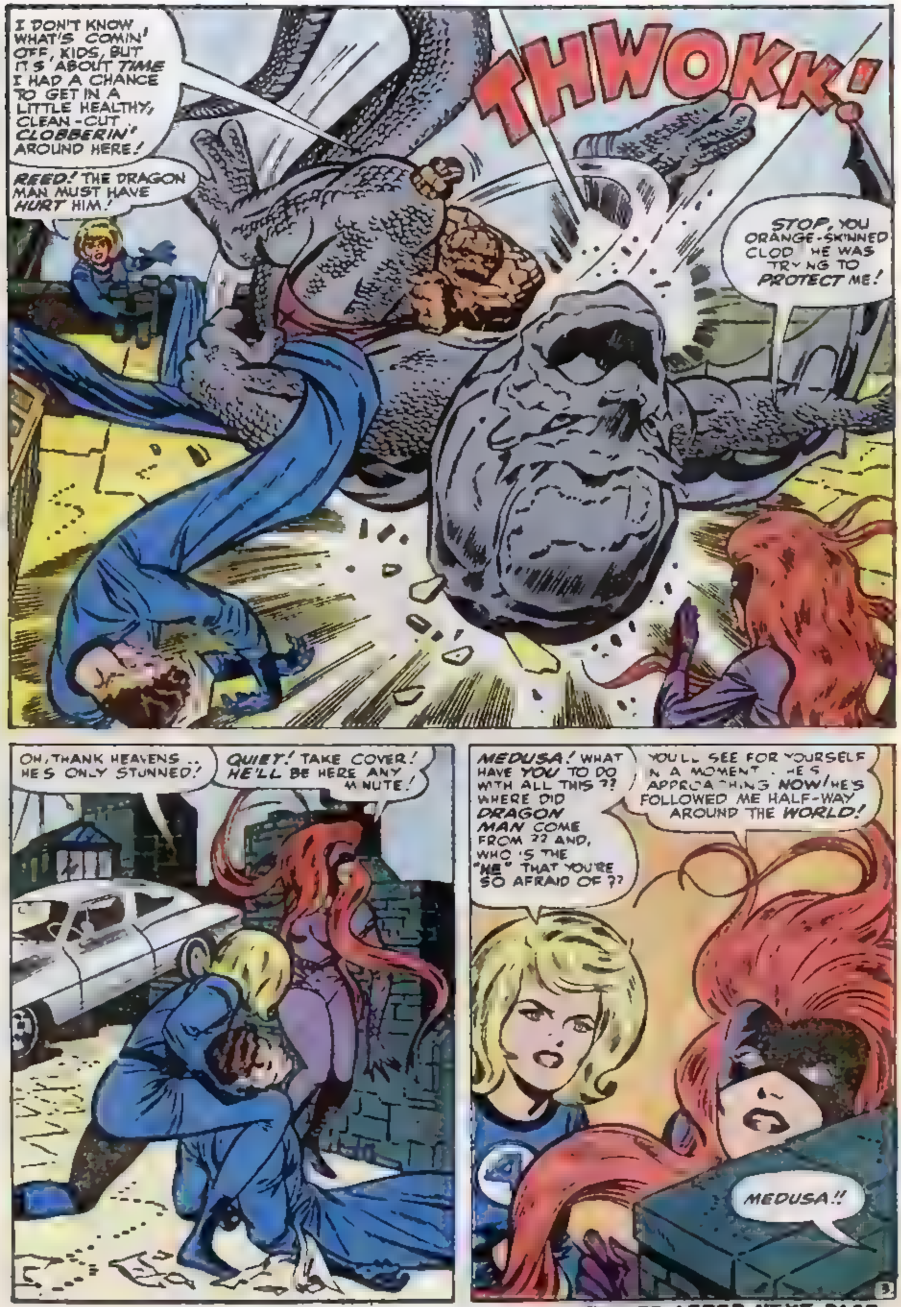

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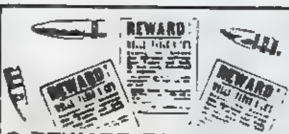

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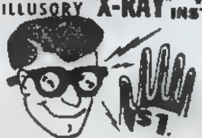

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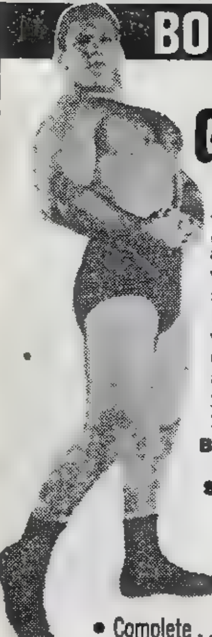

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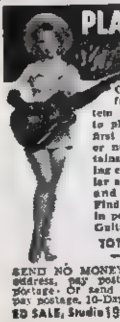

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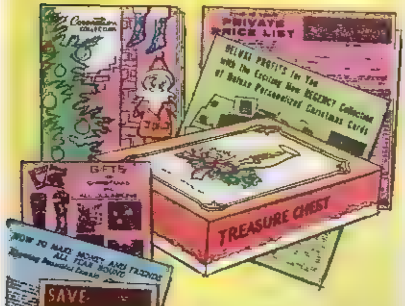

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Fantastic Four Fan Page

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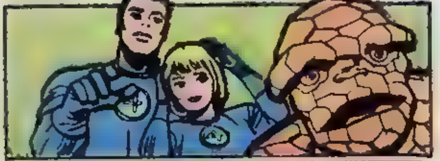
Dear Stan and Jack,

Well, looks like you guys at Marvel have struck again—for the millionth time or so! From the magnificently drawn, powerfully dramatic cover to the "The End" on page 20, "A Blind Man Shall Lead Them" was, and is truly, the greatest yet from Mighty Marvel!! The idea of a powerless F.F. having to battle a supremely powerful Doc Doom is an inspiration in itself, but did you stop there?! Nope!! You added to this self-made greatness the classic portrayal of the Fabulous Foursome's attempt to regain their lost might, and even threw in Daredevil-- along with the good(?)doctor, the ish's second D.D.-- for, as you so strikingly might put it—more fun 'n games! Jack's artwork is, as ever, the best in the field, and Frank Ray a worthy successor to Chic Stone. Why, Stan, oh why, does someone such as, in this instance Robert Nespor, have to mar an issue's excellence with some half-cocked notion that you have lost your dignity?! This person as well as others like him (the brutally-writing Gary Hornback, who claims Brand X is better, for instance) are cheating themselves by not treating Marvel fairly, looking a gift horse in the mouth, so to speak. I tell you, I am fed up—I have had it! You have stated in the not too long gone past that you are the most pan-able bullpen around. Hah!! I know this was well-intended, but you definitely are *not* the most pan-able of magazine companies. Far from it, as many will testify, I'm sure. I only wish this could be printed to show that there are those who do appreciate a company that has, by ignoring all the timeworn formulae of the average hackneyed mags, literally revolutionized the field, and dared, while others remained indifferent, to try something new! I will stick by that company . . . Marvel, of course!! I'm sure my fellow Marvel-ites would agree—so be it!

Jack Martin, 5914 N. Willard Ave.
San Gabriel, Calif.

Okay, Jackie boy—you've got us convinced! But then, we never could resist so logical and cogent an argument! Thanks for the support, the kind words, and the good intentions! You took the words right out of our mouths!



—By now, practically all of you are mirthful Merry Marchers, all resplendent in your colorful Marvel T-shirts and writing up a storm with your swingin' Marvel stationery! But, if you've been wondering what little goodies we're gonna come up with for you next, be of stout heart! We're working on a zillion new gimmicks, and as soon as we get them ironed out, you'll see that the House of Ideas hasn't lost its Marvel-ous touch! (Imagine what we'd say if we were the boastful type!)

Dear Stan and Jack,

You guys must be a bunch of nuts! I just finished F.F. #40 and this really takes the cake! Why didn't you let The Thing tear off the armor of Dr. D? I don't care if he did smash his ego, that's not good enough! If you had some nut trying to kill you with a goofy suit of armor and you had him right where you wanted him would you let him slip through your fingers? Not a chance.

Andy Noble, 1825 E. Evergreen St.
Wheaton, Ill.

Who, us? If anyone like Dr. Doom ever got within a million miles of us, we wouldn't worry about him slipping thru our fingers—we'd be too busy running for the hills! But that's probably why nobody'll ever write a mag featuring the exploits of Stan and Jack—not unless panic becomes fashionable!

THE MIGHTY MARVEL CHECKLIST

A Line-Up Of Some Of The Marvel-ous Mags On Sale Right Now!

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AVENGERS #21: This is the one! The new Avengers have been mighty successful so far, but now—they suffer their first defeat! We can't tell you any more now without ruining the dramatic surprises—but don't dare miss it!

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THOR #121: Possibly the greatest action scenes of all! You'll never forget the staggering battle between Thor and the Absorbing Man! It's King Kirby at his powerful best, revealing all the power and majesty of the God of Thunder!

STRANGE TALES #138: We don't want to say too much about Nick Fury, Agent of Shield, because this mag has been selling so fast that we can't print enough copies each month! So, we'll tell you that the Dr. Strange yarn is entitled: "If Eternity Should Fail!"—and it'll STILL sell-out!

SUSPENSE #71: You must not miss Iron Man's greatest triumph! It's the most heart-warming, satisfying conclusion we've ever presented! As for Captain America, George Tuska's artwork will leave you breathless! We kid you not!

ASTONISH #73: Who says lightning doesn't strike twice? The Sub-Mariner has become as big a hit as Agent of Shield! And wait'll you see what happens to poor Dorma in this ish! As for the Hulk, if sending him to another planet doesn't whet your appetite, we give up!

SGT. FURY #23: Another Marvel first! Fury fights in Burma—while you learn the secret of Percy Pinkerton's past for the first time! (And you'll never forget the gentle, courageous Sister Theresa!) An unusually powerful epic!

Dear Stan and Jack,

I just finished reading F.F. #40 for the umpte-umpth time, and it's still a good story. The art was excellent—perhaps not as good as was in #39, but nonetheless, excellent. Perhaps the best part of the whole mag was the epic fight between The Thing and Doc Doom. Shows what a little guts and determination (not to mention rage) on The Thing's part can do. Doc Doom is beginning to sound like an apprentice Auric J. Goldfinger. I quote from the last panel of page 9: "I trust you enjoyed that witticism—for it is the last you shall ever utter!" Now, this sounds suspiciously like "Choose your next witticism carefully, Mr. Bond—it may be your last!" (With apologies to the late Ian Fleming.) C'mon, 'fess up now. You guys are James Bond fans, aren't you? Glad to see that The Thing isn't losing as a character—but I hate to see him so angry and resentful at the end (although I can see why). I still think that it would be possible for Reed to develop a device to duplicate the rays of the primitive sun over Egypt; if you remember, those rays once changed The Thing to Ben Grimm, back when the F.F. used Doc Doom's time machine to go into the past. And why do you keep putting commas after the words "but" and "and"? It bothers me!

Dave Cockrum, YN3, 699-39-33
VF-124 Admin., NAS Miramar, Calif.

But it makes Artie Simek and Sam Rosen happy, Dave! They play "count the commas" when they get bored! As far as that line you claim we copped from Goldfinger—forget it! We can show you yarns that Stan wrote 20 years ago in which he used the same type of phrase. (Only at mixed-up Marvel would you find a writer who copies from *himself!*)

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Dear Stan and Jack,

The Yancey Street Irregulars at their last meeting voted unanimously to organize a chapter of the Merry Marvel Marching Society here at Columbia University. Therefore, we enclose a money order for five dollars, a list of 6 members, and the wish that we be declared the Official Columbia University Chapter of the M.M.M.S.

Yancey Street Irregulars, c/o Fred Lerner
The Monastery, 926 Furnald Hall,
Columbia College, N. Y., N. Y.

Okay, Freddie boy—you've *got* it! We'll let you know when the nationally televised swearing-in ceremony will take place, just as soon as we complete your security check, study your scholastic record since first grade, and get a Dun and Bradstreet report on you—after you've passed the usual initiation, of course! (Namely, going three rounds with blue-eyed Benjamin!)

Dear Stan and Jack,

In F.F. #6 Sub-Mariner just walked in. I thought Reed had warning devices, (this was to test your memory). On the cover of SUSPENSE #67 you left out the Unicorn and Jack Frost. Gargantus looked like Collosus. (Remember him in ASTONISH #58?) The story was good but would have been better if Iron Man would have really fought those guys! Spider-Man and the Torch should go to State U.! Now the F.F. (No, we haven't forgotten the leader) #40 was great overall, but V. Colletta did a mediocre job of inking. The Thing should be able to change at will from human form to The Thing. But don't give him a corny phrase like "Thing On." You should guest star Spidey in one of your F.F.'s. As far as I know, he hasn't been a guest star in F.F. yet. You've kept us in suspense long enough. Why don't you show us what she looks like? Ben is always talking about Aunt Petunia. Until Doc Doom has an inferiority complex, I'll keep reading Marvel Comics!

Paul Thiel, 1209 Hilltop Dr.
Covington, Ky.

We'll hold you to that, Paul! (Say, it *would* be a gas if Ben yelled "Thing On!", wouldn't it?)

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Dear Stan and Jack,

F.F. #41 was better than any other past ish, but one thing was very disturbing to me. The letters page! Everyone wrote so intellectually, and with such deep meaning! All I want to know is one thing—what'd they say?? Now don't go hiring a translator just on my account—it'll be good enough just for me to learn that I'm not the only one who's confused by all the philosophers!

Charles Hutler, 9 Sheridan Ave.
Kearny, N. J.

Don't worry, Charlie, you're in good company! We can't figure out most of the letters, either! (In fact, we're still kinda wondering what yours is about!)

Dear Stan and Jack,

F.F. #41 contained "The Brutal Betrayal of Ben Grimm," the tale I never expected to see. But then again, Marvel has published many stories I never expected to see. The thing I never expect to see and hope I never will see is the masthead of your magazine changed to "FANTASTIC THREE," while the Frightful Four is changed to the Frightful Five. The only thing that disturbed me was the letter column. In it, another person once again criticized you for using communists as villains. Well, all I can say is I support you at Marvel for taking a stand on this issue. It's time some magazine company did. Our magazines need more patriotic heroes, not less. I'm sure that as long as this country is inhabited by people like those who work at Marvel this country will stay democratic.

Joe Hartlaub, 113 Blue Hill Lane
Akron, Ohio

We sure *hope* so, Joe. With all the mistakes we make in English, imagine how impossible our mags would be if we hadda write them in Russian!

Dear Stan and Jack,

I have just finished F.F. #40 via my subscription. No need to comment, it was great as most (with emphasis on "most") of your issues usually are. Judging from your answer to the second to last letter you plan to change the Thing in some way. I want to be the first to say don't make it permanent, for reasons too numerous to mention. I am a normal Marvel fan as you can see. I would like to describe a normal Marvel fan. He is anywhere in age from 6 to 130, he steals jokes from Johnny Carson, Red Skelton, and Arnold Stang. He reads Mad, he votes the Republican ticket, he sells stock in the Edsel company. He idolizes The Thing. He's a James Bond fan, and tries a cheap thing like getting his name in your mag, just by getting his letter printed instead of spending a buck to join the M.M.M.S. So, as Edward Everett Horton, Alfred E. Newman, and Doctor Doom said, Make mine Levram! (Marvel backwards).

Frank Silvestri, 5170 St. Anthony Apt B.
New Orleans, La.

Nice try, Frank—but it's a hopeless job! You can't describe the normal Marvel fan—nobody can. The minute someone gets hooked on Marvel, he stops being normal! In fact, we'll award a nifty new portable no-prize to the merry madman who can best describe what *does* happen to those who get caught up in Marvelmania!

Dear Stan and Jack,

"The Battle of the Baxter Building" (F.F. #40) was an excellent story. The art was very good. I especially liked that flashy picture of the Torch on the cover. Vince Colletta muffed up some of the drawings of Reed and Sue. The way Daredevil converted his cane into a rifle reminded me of one of those international spy guns. What really took hold of me was when the F.F. jumped out of the elevator car as it burst into flames. By the way, I guessed how the F.F. would get their powers back. I must congratulate King Kirby for his fantastic portrayal of Ben Grimm becoming The Thing on page 14. His pictures of Doc Doom vs. Benjy-boy were excellent. And then, to top it off, you actually had Dr. Doom beaten to his feet! Here, you truly show The Thing as he should be—a fighting mad, powerful man who almost kills his enemies when he's heated up in a battle. But then, you portray him in another way which also fits him—a sensitive man—one who, because of his unique ugliness as The Thing, can never marry because of his truly repelling face. Well, now that I've got my point across, I'll stop here.

Curtis Martens, 320 North Mass.
Erie, Kansas

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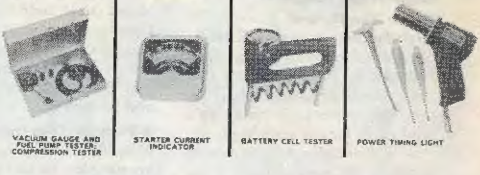

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